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Annual Winners prepare to compete at DoD Conference

Congratulations and good luck in the DoD competition!

The Air Force has announced its annual winners who will compete at the DoD-level at the Fire and Emergency Services Conference in New Orleans. This is the fifth year the DoD will recognize its outstanding performers for their heroism, dedication to duty, outstanding achievements, and contributions to the DoD fire service.

- The DoD fire department of the year nominee is the 35th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Misawa Air Base**, Japan.
- The DoD military firefighter of the year nominee is **SSgt Kile W. Stewart**, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan.
- The DoD civilian firefighter of the year nominee is Mr. **Joseph R. Suddarth**, 96th Civil Engineer Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.
- The DoD military fire officer of the year nominee is **SMSgt Timothy J Seigal Sr.**, 95th Civil Engineer Group, Edwards Air Force Base, California.
- The DoD civilian fire officer of the year nominee is Mr. **Ernst R. Piercy**, 10th Civil Engineer Group, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado.
- The DoD firefighter heroism award nominees are Mr. **Mark A. Smith** and Mr. **Neil A. Davies**, 48th Civil Engineer Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom.



The winner of each DoD category will be announced during the DoD fire and emergency services training conference DoD awards banquet which will be held on 29 Aug 01, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana. Additionally, each Air Force nominee will receive an award during the conference for being selected as our nominee for the DoD competition at the Air Force recognition luncheon on 28 Aug 01. Congratulations and good luck in the DoD competition. The Air Force point of contact for these awards is **CMSgt Jim Podolske**, HQ AFCEA/CEXF, DSN 523-6321.

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Confined Space Training Products and Certification

HQ AFCESA has fielded the first two parts of a five CD-ROM training package on Confined Space Training. The remaining Confined Space Emergency Response Series were recently completed and will be distributed to MAJCOM OPRs at this years DoD Fire and Emergency Services Training Conference, scheduled for 24-31 August 2001 in New Orleans, La. The Emergency Response Series is packaged as a complete set (parts 2, 3, 4, and 5). We anticipate that firefighters will be able to receive DoD Firefighter Certification after completion of the Emergency Response Series. Upon completion of the administrative and practical evaluations the firefighter could request certification from HQ AFCESA (similar process as for current firefighter certifications). The details are still be finalized, and we expect to have the certification instructions published this calendar year.

Already Fielded:

Part 1 - General Worker (Entrant/Attendant/Supervisor)

Part 2 - Emergency Responder - Awareness

On the Horizon – (Scheduled Distribution Date Aug 01):

Part 3 - Emergency Responder – Operations (2 disk set)

Part 4 - Emergency Responder – Technician (2 disk set)

Part 5 - Support Materials

(CMSgt Carl Glover, HQ AFCESA/CEXF, DSN 523-6112)



Mr. Hugh Pike, HQ AFCESA, has assumed interim duties as Chief, AF Fire Protection.

ACES-FD Hardware Requirements

Wondering what you will need to run ACES-FD? Here is the list:

Server:

Pentium III 800 processor (**No Pentium IV's**),
256M RAM,

4 each 9 GB SCSI hard drives

RAID (Level 5) Controller (Adaptec 2100S SCSI RAID or better),

10/100 Base-T network card (One ONLY),

20 GB tape backup (DDS2 or DDS3 type, No QIC [Travan] or Linear Tape-Open [LTO] tape drives),

CD-ROM, floppy drive, keyboard, mouse, and monitor (any monitor will work)

NO SOUND CARD and NO SPEAKERS.

Workstation/Client:

Any Pentium PC that currently meets base LAN requirements generally meets the needs of ACES-FD, as long as it has sufficient hard-drive capacity for the software upload and, as a minimum, has:

128 MB of RAM, CD-ROM, floppy drive.

Other Equipment:

One 4/5-port mini-hub (10/100 Base T)

Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS). A UPS with a capacity of at least 650VA is recommended.

Software :

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 2000 Pro.

Additional support software: pcAnywhere (v10.0

Host, Mfg Part No. 07-00-03127) is available in box sets on the Open Market at a cost of about \$90 each.

MAJCOMs may elect to purchase bulk licenses to reduce costs, and the product is available on several

Federal Government contracts. See Symantec's web page: <http://www.symantec.com/reference/govt/fedcont.html>.

Dave Swickard, DSN 278-8165

Jim Hotell hangs up his helmet



Jim Hotell receives a flag from Colonel Barthold Commander, HQ AFCESA, and a Michael Garmen Statue from CMSgt Carl Glover during his retirement ceremony on 25 May 2001 at Tyndall AFB, Florida.



SMSgt needed for some high profile work...

We have been attempting to advertise a position for a fire protection SMSgt to fill a CMSgt position at HQ AFCESA. However, due to problems at AFPC the process has been delayed. At any rate, we anticipate advertising soon for the position. Please alert all SMSgts who may be interested in this position. We will be forwarding the formal advertisement as soon as it is released/approved.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR EMAIL AFPC at this

point, they are still working Mil Mod problems.

Thanks **CMSgt Carl Glover**, DSN 523-6112

AFSC: 3E791 -- FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM MANAGER

UNIT: HQ AFCESA – Fire Protection Division

BASE: TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FL

DUTY DESCRIPTION:

Manages all Department of Defense (DoD) fire protection training, education, and certification programs. Provides direction and technical support for designing, developing, and implementing training and manpower programs. Develops and manages computer-based testing initiatives. Programs for, and creates, multimedia courseware training programs. Formulates the division's budget. Manages several contract positions/contracts. Serves as the functional liaison with all DoD and AF fire protection organizations, the Air Force Institute of Technology, Air Education and Training Command, Community College of the Air Force, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress, National Fire Protection Association, and the National Fire Academy. Recommends fire protection policy changes to the AF Civil Engineer.

MINIMUM CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Fire Officer IV

Fire Instructor II

Fire Inspector II

Haz Mat Incident Commander

Airport Firefighter

SAC Senior Fire Fighters to meet

The SAC Senior Fire Fighters group will hold its 4th annual reunion at the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs CO, from 19 September through 24 September. The agenda includes a fire department breakfast and tour of the Academy Fire Department on the 20th; with Dinner at the *Flying W Ranch*. We will tour the Olympic Training Facility and Garden of Gods Park on the 21st, with dinner at the Iron Springs Chateau. Our Reunion Banquet will be held at the Academy Club Saturday 22nd, including a no host cocktails at 1730 followed by dinner at 1845. Brunch at the Air Force Academy Club will occur Sunday AM starting at 1000 hrs. For a complete itinerary and dinner reservations, please contact Hal Burks at (541) 535-5172 or e-mail two-fop@home.com. For billeting at the Rampart Lodge during this event, please contact John Eliseo at (805) 937-4670 or email homesafe@best1.net. The SAC Senior Fire Fighters invites all active and retired military fire fighters to join them during this event.



Fire Incident and Emergency Response Reporting

Editor's Note: Memorandum from HQ USAF/ILE, Jul 01:

We have serious concerns with the timely reporting of fire incidents and other emergency responses as required by AFI 32-2001, *The Fire Protection Operations and Fire Prevention Program*. On several occasions during the past year, we have learned about reportable fires and other significant emergency responses from sources outside the Civil Engineer community. This situation cannot continue. We are in the process of updating our reporting requirements, as outlined in AFI 32-2001, to more closely align with OPREP-3 Reporting requirements contained in AFI 10-206, *Operational Reporting*. Our revised reporting requirements are attached for your immediate implementation. Your assistance is needed to ensure that your staffs, base civil engineers, fire chiefs, and others in the reporting chain are aware of these revised fire incidents and other significant fire department emergency response reporting procedures, and that they are followed within your command. In addition, timely reporting of incidents and responses will be highlighted during the DoD/AF Fire and Emergency Services Training Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana (24-30 August 2001).

Your support is appreciated in resolving this issue. This revised procedure will ensure that we are properly informed of significant events within the Civil Engineer community. Should you have further questions, please contact Mr. **George Hall**, HQ AFCEA/CEXF, at DSN 523-6159, or email george.hall@tyndall.af.mil.

History of the Fire Fighter Combat Challenge

The Challenge was born the day that Chief David Gratz, Director of Fire/Rescue Services, Montgomery County, MD, walked into the Human Performance Laboratory at the Sports Medicine Center of the University of Maryland in July, 1974. Present to greet him were Drs. Dotson, Santa Maria and Davis. Chief Gratz's interest was immediate - he needed a validated test. The mission: develop a physical ability test to determine whether a job applicant had the requisite capabilities to perform the essential job functions of a firefighter.

With US Fire Administration funding, the research design was laid out. It required the cooperation of fire departments in seven Washington, DC, political jurisdictions, each providing a representative sample of firefighters proportionate to its relative size. Ultimately 100 randomly selected firefighters underwent a battery of fitness tests at the Human Performance Laboratory that included measures of cardiopulmonary performance and muscular fitness.

Concurrent with the fitness tests and with the assistance of

the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute (MFRI), Drs. Dotson and Davis designed a criterion task test (CTT) employing five commonly performed or highly critical fireground evolutions. Each of the 100 firefighters performed the five tasks successively while wearing full protective ensemble (including SCBA) "in the same manner as at the scene of a fire." After all testing, the results of the laboratory fitness measures were statistically correlated against the CTT performances. This landmark study demonstrated a high correlation between personal fitness and job performance. That was in 1976. In 1991, Dr. Davis hit upon an idea that would eventually become the Challenge. He had observed the competitive nature of firefighters during the initial testing back in 1976. So, he thought, "why not devise a competition that would highlight the unique nature of the fire service and showcase the talents and capabilities of firefighters." The CTT seemed the perfect "vehicle" for the task.

In early 1991, he approached the Washington, DC, Council of Governments to get support for his idea, briefing the various fire chiefs on his concept for the competition. With their approval he worked with the Fire Training Officer Sub-committee and came up with the rules for the competition. Everything was ready.

Sunday, May 5, 1991, dawned bright and cool. Teams from five departments in the D.C. metropolitan area gathered at MFRI to christen what would become the Firefighter Combat Challenge. Quiet as church mice while instructions and rules were given, the several hundred spectators erupted spontaneously as the first competitor made his way to the top of the tower. The crowd's response told Davis that he was onto something. TV coverage and a four-page color story in *Fire Chief Magazine* added credibility to the event.

The first Challenge was won by Prince William County, VA, in a time of 10:08. Although that was the only event that first year, the seeds of competition had been sown. The next year, 1992, with DuPont as the presenting sponsor, saw seven competitions and the first truly national championship held during the International Association of Fire Chiefs' (IAFC) annual meeting in Anaheim, CA. The Casper Fire Department took top honors.

By 1993 the Challenge had expanded to twelve events spread across the nation. ESPN initiated its coverage of the Challenge at the National Championship, the first-ever indoor competition. The Championship, held in Dallas, TX, during the annual IAFC meeting, was won, again, by Casper.

Editor's Note: In case you have not heard, the Air Force has been fielding teams for at least 2 years now. See page 5 for recent results!

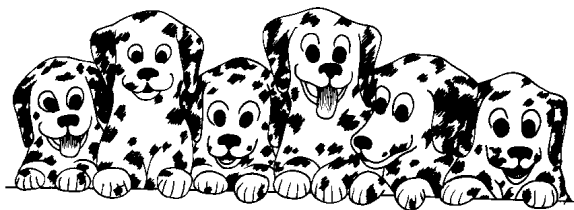
Fire Fighter Combat Challenge Results

As of 13 August 2001...see story on page 4

| Category/Date of Event | Event Location | MAJCOM/Installation | Competitor Name | Best Times | World Qualified? |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Relay - Male 4/01 | Woodbridge, VA NFL/ Potomac Mills | AMC Travis AFB | Relay Team | 1:27:08 | Yes |
| Relay - Male 5/01 | Grapevine Mills Texas Classic | DoD Fire Academy | Relay Team | 1:43:11 | Yes |
| Relay - Male 4/01 | Woodbridge, VA NFL/ Potomac Mills | AFMC Edwards AFB | Relay Team | 1:48:50 | Yes |
| Relay - Male 5/01 | Grapevine Mills Texas Classic | AFMC Tinker AFB | Relay Team | 1:59:03 | Yes |
| Relay - Male 5/01 | Grapevine Mills Texas Classic | ACC Nellis AFB | Relay Team | 1:59:10 | Yes |
| Team – Event 6/01 | Chicago, IL Gurnee Mills | AMC Travis AFB | Team Event | 5:34:56 | Yes |
| Team – Event 8/01 | Cheyenne, WY Rocky Mountain Open | US Air Force Academy | Team Event | 6:24:29 | Yes |
| Team – Event 5/01 | Little Rock, AR Riverfest | AETC Little Rock AFB | Team Event | 7:01:22 | No |
| Male - Open 6/01 | Chicago, IL Gurnee Mills | AFRC – 349th Travis AFB | SSgt Mike Melton | 1:44:27 | Yes |
| Male - Open 6/01 | Chicago, IL Gurnee Mills | AMC Travis AFB | A1C Harry Myers | 1:52:27 | Yes |
| Male - Open 8/01 | Cheyenne, WY Rocky Mountain Open | US Air Force Academy | A1C Joshua Sarters | 1:57:33 | Yes |
| Male - Open 6/01 | Chicago, IL Gurnee Mills | AMC Travis AFB | A1C Mike Romano | 1:58:42 | Yes |
| Male - Open 5/01 | Grapevine Mills Texas Classic | AETC Little Rock AFB | Mr. Scott Tarwater | 2:00:23 | No |
| Male - Open 5/01 | Little Rock, AR Riverfest | AETC Little Rock AFB | Mr. Scott Tarwater | 2:00:50 | No |
| Male - Open 4/01 | Woodbridge, VA NFL/ Potomac Mills | AMC Travis AFB | A1C Mike Romano | 2:11:01 | No |
| Male - Open 8/01 | Cheyenne, WY Rocky Mountain Open | US Air Force Academy | A1C Kory Cofer | 2:11:17 | No |
| Male - Open 6/01 | Chicago, IL Gurnee Mills | AMC Travis AFB | A1C Brian Driscoll | 2:12:12 | No |
| Male - Open 8/01 | Cheyenne, WY Rocky Mountain Open | US Air Force Academy | Mr. Daniel McAuliffe | 2:16:59 | No |
| Male - Open 5/01 | Little Rock, AR Riverfest | AETC Little Rock AFB | SrA Jason Fuller | 2:25:25 | No |
| Male - Open 8/01 | Cheyenne, WY Rocky Mountain Open | US Air Force Academy | A1C Mark Goenen | 2:31:31 | No |
| Male - Open 6/01 | Chicago, IL Gurnee Mills | AMC Travis AFB | SSgt Armando Eversley | 2:33:36 | No |
| Male - Open 5/01 | Grapevine Mills Texas Classic | AETC Little Rock AFB | Mr. Jason McAtee | 2:35:08 | No |
| Male - Open 5/01 | Little Rock, AR Riverfest | AETC Little Rock AFB | Amn. Justin Gulliver | 2:35:47 | No |
| Male - Open 5/01 | Little Rock, AR Riverfest | AFMC Tinker AFB | Mr. Marty Graham | 2:36:47 | No |
| Male - Open 5/01 | Grapevine Mills Texas Classic | AFMC Edwards AFB | Mr. Sam Billington | 2:45:14 | No |
| Male - Open 8/01 | Cheyenne, WY Rocky Mountain Open | US Air Force Academy | A1C Michael Gagnier | 3:12:18 | No |
| Male - Open 5/01 | Little Rock, AR Riverfest | AETC Little Rock AFB | Amn Walt Shutler | 3:00:54 | No |
| Male - Open 5/01 | Grapevine Mills Texas Classic | AFMC Tinker AFB | Mr. Anthony Contreras | 4:54:37 | No |

Air Force Day at the Conference...28 August 2001

0730 0745 Administrative Announcements, Mr. George Hall
-- Posting of Colors (Ellsworth Fire Department Color Guard)
0745 0845 Keynote Address – Firefighter Safety, Mr. Mike Callan
0845 0915 DoD Fire Academy Initiatives and Program Review, Lt Col Pat Smith
0915 0930 Fire and Emergency Response Reporting – Updated Procedures, Mr. George Hall
0930 0945 BREAK
0945 1000 Intelligence Briefing – Real World WMD Threat, Brig Gen Kelvin Coppock
1000 1045 Weapons of Mass Destruction – AF Direction and Initiatives, Mr. John Thornton
1045 1100 Firefighter Combat Challenge, CMSgt Carl Glover
-- Air Force Participation and Recognition
1100 Administrative Announcement, Mr. George Hall
1130 1300 Air Force Recognition Luncheon (Mandatory for all Air Force participants)
-- Service Dress for Air Force Personnel
-- Dress Uniform for Civil Service Personnel
-- Appropriate Business Attire for All Others
1300 1430 BREAK – Travel to Golf Course or MAJCOM meetings as appropriate
1430 1900 DoD Charity Golf Outing



Kelly Days....

HQ AFCESA has an Open Action Item:
"Develop a metric to track lost Kelly-days, cancelled leaves, rescheduled Kelly-day, and re-scheduled leaves."

We have created a Access data base for this purpose. This will allow each fire station a simple method of inputting and collecting data to facilitate this process. Please provide this Access data base to every fire department and request they start using the data base. This will allow us to request updates from MAJCOMs periodically to determine the scope of this issue. We anticipate a similar version of this to be potentially contained in future versions of ACES-FD. Also, we will be providing the MAJCOM utility in the near future as well, to allow for MAJCOM consolidation of installation files.

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HQ AFCESA/CEXF
DSN: 523-6112

RETIRED AIR FORCE FIRE CHIEFS' QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Have you heard of this publication? Doug Courchene does a great job getting news and information out to the world through this neat newsletter. He make it available electronically, and if you send him an e-mail, I am sure he would add you to the list:

dcourchene@goldsboro.net

Standards of Coverage Training

AFCESA will fund the tuition for 4 classes of 20 people for Standards of Coverage training (for Accreditation). Travel and per-diem will be a unit or MAJCOM responsibility. Three classes will be in the CONUS and one at Ramstein. I will be identifying 3 CONUS locations that are willing to host the training. We want to have the training on base so the Instructors can travel on Invitational orders. We would prefer locations near airport hubs to keep the cost down. We should probably have one in the East, one in the middle of the US and one on the West coast. We are going to try and have the training after the start of the new FY so bases have the money to travel -- I will provide specific dates later. Hugh Pike, HQ AFCESA, DSN 523-6210

Snippets...

The HQ AFCESA **Firefighter Morale** Information page has been updated. The page is located at:

<http://www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CEX/Fire/FireMorale/default.html>

Subjects include:

Firefighter Challenge 2001 Update (13 Aug 01)
Firefighter Challenge Briefing and Pictures (Apr 01)
Firefighter Staffing and Retention (May 01)
Firefighter Retention By Command (Apr 01)
Firefighter Retention Information (Mar 01)
Firefighter Protection Deployment Status (Apr 01)
Firefighter Morale, Retention and Discipline IPT Info (May 01)
Fire SRB Justification (Dec 00)
Firefighter Leadership Balance Initiative (Mar 01)
Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay Initiative (May 01)
Reduced Firefighter Work Schedule Initiative BBP (Jan 01)
Support Group Commanders Role (Feb 01)
Firefighter Morale, Retention and Discipline Study General Info (Oct 00)
Firefighter Morale, Retention and Discipline Study (Feb 00)
BUR Morale Stress Study (Apr 99)

CMSgt GLOVER Jr., HQ AFCESA; DSN: 523-6112

The General Services Administration and the Health and Human Services Department has issued **guidance on the use of defibrillators in federal facilities**, urging agencies to get heart smart. The guidelines came about a year after the President ordered the two agencies to develop rules for placing automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, in federal facilities. The portable defibrillators are used to resuscitate someone whose heart is fibrillating, or fluttering, by shocking the heart back to its normal rhythm. Last November, Congress passed H.R. 2498, which requires Health and Human Services to develop guidelines for placing defibrillators in federal buildings and provides liability protection to anyone who uses an AED to help save someone's life. GSA and HHS directed agencies to work with local medical and emergency response teams to develop successful defibrillation programs in their buildings. Each agency's own medical staff, a contractor, or an agency-wide designated federal physician must oversee each facility's defibrillation program and help provide proper training and certification to agency volunteers. The guidance also encouraged

agencies to provide refresher courses at least every two years for employees trained to use AEDs. The American Red Cross and the American Heart Association are working with agencies to train federal employees how to properly use the AEDs. As for liability, many states, including Virginia and Maryland, have "Good Samaritan" laws, which provide some legal immunity to those who help others in distress. Some agencies have already installed automatic external defibrillators in their facilities. In April 2000, the U.S. Geological Survey set up five automatic external defibrillators at its headquarters to help employees or visitors in the event of cardiac arrest.



Quincy, MA, August 6, 2001—Interrupting a decades-long decline, total **fire deaths rose** to 4,045 last year, an increase of 13.3% from the previous year, according to a report released today, entitled *Fire Loss in the U.S.* During 2000, from NFPA (National Fire Protection Association). In all, 3,420 fire deaths occurred in the home, an increase of 18.1%. The home, the place where most feel the safest, accounted for 85% of all fire fatalities. "This matches the fire death tolls of 1997 and 1998, which represented a major decrease from years previous," says John R. Hall, Ph.D., NFPA's assistant vice president for fire analysis and research. It makes the period of 1997-2000 into a plateau, with a roughly level death toll. The long-term decline has often alternated years of decline with plateaus like this." Nationwide, there was a fire death every 130 minutes. By contrast, when comparable data collection began in 1977, there was a fire death every 71 minutes. Overall, fire deaths have been on the decline for 25 years, thanks to advances including fire detection and alarm equipment, sprinkler systems, safer products, increased public awareness and knowledge of fire-safe behavior. Fire data collection and interpretation have been central to NFPA's mission for nearly a decade. NFPA's fire analysis helps guide the Association and other concerned parties in tracking how well our safety programs are working and targeting priorities for future initiatives to further reduce fire loss. "If America is to return to the long-term trend of declining fire losses," says Meri-K Appy, NFPA's vice president for public education, "we need action at local, state and regional levels. Through our model codes and standards, model safety curricula for schools, and sponsorship of Fire Prevention Week, NFPA has shown—and will continue to show—where we have the greatest need for action and the greatest opportunities for improving safety with small changes in our behavior and design practices."

USAFE Looking for a Sharp MSgt!

CTS Fire MSgt Equals Plus Volunteer Job number 242247

We are about to run the equal plus ad for the 3rd time for a MSgt at the USAFE Fire Academy. Our last ad resulted in one volunteer who needed a DEROS adjustment and it would have pulled him from a unit that could not afford to lose a MSgt.

RNLTD may be adjusted prior to the 3rd ad being released.

Equals Plus Ad Info:

Position: Chief, USAFE Fire Academy

Job #: 242247

RNLTD: 30 Nov 01

Turkey...

In 1987, the Vinnell Corporation and Brown & Root Services formed a joint venture company, called VBR, to provide base maintenance services to the United States military forces within the republic of Turkey. To learn more about our organization, please visit our web site at www.vbr-turkey.com. The following position is currently available:

Assistant Fire Chief/Tech Services

Responsible for fire prevention inspection and education programs outlined in applicable USAF & AFOSH standards.

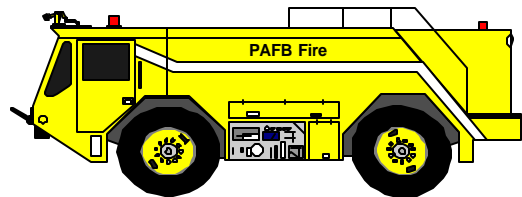
Must possess a thorough knowledge of the chemistry of fire: physical and chemical properties of combustible materials, building structures and their component systems; i.e., electrical, gas, water and ventilating systems; operations, inspection and testing of installation fire detection and suppression systems; identification and correction of fire hazards and deficiencies; fire prevention education programs; and inspection and distribution of flight line and portable fire extinguishers. Requires a minimum of 6 years experience in a key supervisory fire protection position in which 4 years include aircraft fire fighting and rescue experience with F16, F4, F111, C141, C5 or similar high-performance aircraft; experience in technical services desirable. Must also possess a working knowledge of NFPA Standards and OSHA Regulations and have the following certifications: Fire Inspector Level III, HazMat Incident Commander, Fire Instructor II and Fire Officer III. Associate Degree in fire science preferred.

Applicants may forward resumes to: renee.

hamilton@halliburton.com or mail to Brown and Root Services, 1550 Wilson Blvd., Suite 400, Arlington VA 22209, Attn: Ms. Renee Hamilton, fax 703-526-7774. VBR is an EOE.

G AND F TSP FUNDS RISE IN JULY, WHILE THE REST FALL

The G and F Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Funds both rose last month, with the G Fund gaining 0.48 percent and the F Fund increasing 2.22 percent. The remaining funds - the C, S, and I Funds - all fell in the month of July. The C Fund dropped 0.98 percent, the S Fund fell 4.13 percent, and the I Fund declined by 1.79 percent. Over the last 12 months, the fund that has risen most significantly is the F Fund, with a 12.78 percent increase. The G Fund also increased over that period by 5.81 percent. The C Fund, however, declined by 14.30 percent. But over the last year, the sharpest falls in the rates of return were in the S and I Funds, with drops of 15.56 percent and 22.07 percent respectively. (The S and I Funds were implemented in May 2001, so the twelve-month returns reflect the performance of these two funds in the TSP as well as in the related Barclay's funds in which they were invested previously.)



Final Alarm...

Fire Chief Mike Kern, Peterson AFB CO passed away early June 11th in the intensive care unit at Memorial Hospital (Colorado Springs) after a sudden illness. For those of you who knew Mike, you'll remember him as a consummate professional who truly loved both the AF and Fire Protection. His passing leaves a tremendous void in the hearts of all the Peterson AFB firefighters....Mike, you will be missed.

"God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best"

- James LaConte

Stuff...



A1C Michael Gagnier, Air Force Academy fire department, competes in the regional competition of the fire fighter combat challenge in Cheyenne, Wyoming.



Retirement

After *many* years of federal fire service, **Jim Goodbread**, Tinker AFB Fire Chief, retired July 31, 2001. Good Luck in your retirement!

Chief Stemple retires...

Chief Terry T. Stemple is retiring from civil service after 28 years of service. Chief Stemple served as a Fire Chief at Castle AFB CA, Lajes Field Azores, Tyndall AFB FL and finished his career with the Air Force as the Command Fire Chief for Air Force Space Command. Chief Stemple transferred in 1998 to Fort Hunter Liggett located near his home in California to finish his career. Fort Hunter Liggett appreciates his leadership and the mentoring that he has shared. Terry and his wife Jeanie will be retiring in Paso Robles, California. We wish him and his family well in their future plans.



*CMSgt **Rausch** and CMSgt **Rivera**, pondering global issues on the final day of the CONOPS meeting at the Air Force Academy 25-29 Jun 01.*

Remember When?

OK, so it's not a fire department picture, but we thought it would invoke a memory. These new airmen were marching onto the pad adjacent to the Visitor's Center at Lackland AFB, Texas... ahhh, to be young again!

